STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE
MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, January 2018

Main Findings – January 2018:

Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 152,300 total delayed days in January 2018, of which 99,800 were in acute care. This is a decrease from January 2017, where there were 197,500 total delayed days, of which 130,500 were in acute care.

- The 152,300 total delayed days in January 2018 is equivalent to 4,913 daily DTOC beds. This compares to 4,688 in December 2017 and 6,371 in January 2017.

- 59.9% of all delays in January 2018 were attributable to the NHS, 32.5% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 7.6% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.

- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has decreased over the last year to 32.5% in January 2018, compared to 35.2% in January 2017.

- The main reason for NHS delays in January 2018 was "Patients Awaiting further Non Acute NHS Care". This accounted for 28,000 delayed days (30.6% of all NHS delays). The number of delays attributable to this reason showed a general increase between August 2015 and September 2016, peaking in January 2017. Following a large decrease in April 2017, the number remained relatively stable until August 2017, when it saw a further decrease. Since then, the figure has continued to steadily decrease, until January 2018, when the figure has increased again.

- The main reason for Social Care delays in January 2018 was "Patients Awaiting Care Package in their Own Home". This accounted for 16,800 delayed days (34.0% of all Social Care delays), compared to 24,600 in January 2017. The number of delays attributable to this reason had been increasing steadily since February 2015 and reached a peak in December 2016. Delays attributable to this reason have been gradually decreasing since March 2017, although January 2018 is an increase on the previous month.

- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in January 2018 was 65.5% compared to 66.1% in January 2017.

Table 1 shows information on delayed transfers of care from January 2015 to January 2018.

Table 2 shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for January 2018.

Details of delayed transfers of care data for individual organisations are available at:

https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2017-18/

Table 1 – Delayed Transfers of Care –January 2015 to January 2018

Month	Delayed Transfers of Care	
	Total Days Delayed	DTOC Beds
January 2015	150,392	4,851
February 2015	134,353	4,798
March 2015	140,390	4,529
April 2015	138,030	4,601
May 2015	137,115	4,423
June 2015	139,538	4,651
July 2015	147,376	4,754
August 2015	145,093	4,680
September 2015	147,738	4,925
October 2015	160,130	5,165
November 2015	153,155	5,105
December 2015	154,008	4,968
January 2016	159,467	5,144
February 2016	158,055	5,450
March 2016	169,882	5,480
April 2016	168,018	5,601
May 2016	172,294	5,558
June 2016	173,122	5,771
July 2016	184,578	5,954
August 2016	187,851	6,060
September 2016	196,570	6,552
October 2016	200,095	6,455
November 2016	193,206	6,440
December 2016	195,445	6,305
January 2017	197,511	6,371
February 2017	186,490	6,660
March 2017	199,641	6,440
April 2017	176,945	5,898
May 2017	178,204	5,749
June 2017	178,042	5,935
July 2017	181,888	5,867
August 2017	180,065	5,809
September 2017	168,256	5,609
October 2017	170,089	5,487
November 2017	155,059	5,169
December 2017	145,318	4,688
January 2018	152,300	4,913

Notes:
1. As of April 2017, patient snapshot data is no longer being collected.

Table 2 – Delayed Transfers of Care by Type of Care, Reason for Delay and Responsible Organisation – January 2018

Type of Care	Reason For Delay	Total Days Delayed		
		NHS	Social Care	Both
Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	7,134	6,110	1,381
	B) Awaiting public funding	1,193	226	40
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	25,007	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	7,603	4,496	611
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	3,212	6,305	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	6,917	10,418	3,461
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	2,379	255	149
	G) Patient or family choice	10,156	756	NA
	H) Disputes	477	162	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	1,354	NA	NA
Non-Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	2,424	2,094	803
	B) Awaiting public funding	1,281	854	1,153
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	2,946	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	3,325	3,736	1,787
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	3,173	5,593	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	2,476	6,431	1,964
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	758	251	77
	G) Patient or family choice	4,297	1,181	NA
	H) Disputes	589	344	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	4,056	NA	NA
	O) Other	546	279	80
All	**Total**	**91,303**	**49,491**	**11,506**

Notes:
1. NA means the combination of reason and responsible organisation is not permitted.
2. As of April 2017, a new 'Other' category has been added for non-acute delays. This category is used for delays reported in NHS Digital's Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS v2.0) which cannot be mapped to existing codes within the NHS England Delayed Transfers of Care collection.

Statistical Notes to Editors

1. Delayed Transfers of Care data

A delayed transfer of care occurs when a patient is medically fit for discharge from acute or non-acute care and is still occupying a bed. For a more detailed definition please read the guidance on NHS England's website at:
http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/

The daily DTOC beds measure is calculated by dividing the total number of delayed days in the month by the number of calendar days.

As of April 2017, the count of patients delayed on the last Thursday of the month is no longer being collected. Historical data for this measure will remain available on the NHS England Statistics website.

Data on delayed transfers of care is collected from providers of NHS funded care and is split by:
- Local Authority that is responsible for each patient delayed
- Agency responsible for delay (NHS, Social Services or both)
- Type of care that the patient receives (acute or non-acute)
- Reason for delay

A detailed breakdown of the data can be found on NHS England's website in CSV format at:
https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2017-18/

2. Trust and Local Authority level data

Delayed transfers of care data covers NHS patients in English Hospitals, who may or may not reside in England and is published on both a trust and Local Authority basis.

Trust level reflects data at organisation level for those organisations that provide NHS funded care, for example acute Trusts, community providers, mental health trusts and Social Enterprise organisations.

Local Authority data reflects data on a regional population basis, i.e. Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibility (CASSRs) that are responsible for all patients who reside in their region.

3. Data Quality

Monthly delayed transfers of care data has been collected and published since August 2010. Prior to August 2010, data was collected weekly and was un-validated management information.

Delayed transfers of care data published during the early months of the collection from August 2010 to October 2010 should be treated with a degree of caution as a change from a weekly to a monthly data collection led to data quality issues. Since October 2010, there has been a significant improvement in the coverage and accuracy of this data.

Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust (RY2) were unable to submit a return this month due to data quality issues.

4. Data Availability

Delayed Transfers of Care data is published approximately six weeks after the end of the reference period. The next publication of this report and accompanying data will be 12th April, 2018.

5. Revisions

Revisions to previous month's data are made in line with NHS England's revisions protocol for performance monitoring data. Future revisions will be made on a six monthly cycle. The revisions protocol can be found on the NHS England website at: http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/code-compliance/

6. Feedback Welcomed

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of Delayed Transfers of Care statistics within this Statistical Press Notice and those published on NHS England's website. Please email any comments on this, or any other issues regarding the SitReps data and statistics, to: unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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